

Good afternoon,

I was thrilled to read the Oak Ridges was deemed an environmental protection area, only saddened to learn the decision to protect these lands is now being questioned. I understand the need to grow within the community, however, at what cost? Wildlife is losing space to survive and residents are losing access to the wonder of nature at a rapid pace. Growth is happening everywhere in and around Newmarket. Sharon/East Gwillimbury/Queensville has just undergone rapid growth. Glenway has been dismantled and it was recently announced that plans to create hundreds of housing units will be built along the Davis Drive Corridor. In my opinion, if the lands were special and sacred enough to protect in 2003, why are they less valuable to our community now? It seems to me the opposite conversation should be happening, with even less green space surrounding us now than in 2003, shouldn't we be discussing how to protect this land even more and even looking to preserve more?

I am a concerned Newmarket resident asking our Town to choose to maintain these lands in question as an environmental protection area as deemed in 2003.

Thank you,  
Angela West